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Dear Mr Ovens

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0002/2010**

I refer to your request for information dated 5 January 2010, which was received by Strathclyde Police on that date.

Your request for information has now been considered and on 5 February 2010, a decision was made to provide some of the information requested by you. Some of the information requested by you is, however, considered to be exempt in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act). Section 16 of the Act requires Strathclyde Police to provide you with a notice which: (a) states that it holds the information, (b) states that it is claiming an exemption, (c) specifies the exemption in question and (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies. Where information is considered to be exempt, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice and an explanation of the appropriate exemption is provided.

*I would like to know through the Freedom of Information Act*

- 1. How much money Strathclyde Police have taken in from parking fines*
- 2. and speeding camera fines. Be it hand held cameras or otherwise.*
- 3. also, where does this money go?*

**Section 17 – Information not held**

By way of explanation, the Road Traffic Act 1991 introduced provisions enabling the decriminalisation of most non-endorsable parking offences. The relevant provisions of the 1991 Act were introduced in Scotland in June 1997. In the Strathclyde policing area Glasgow City Council and South Lanarkshire Council have introduced decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE).

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The enforcement of parking within a DPE area is no longer the responsibility of the Police of Traffic Wardens but is implemented by employees of the local authority, either directly or under contract. Under the scheme, 3.35% of all monies collected is retained by the Fixed Penalty Clerk, John Street, Glasgow, the remaining 96.65% goes to the participating local authorities who administer their own parking penalty schemes and retain the penalties to fund the operation of the scheme. Any surplus is first used to improve off-street parking facilities and second for general traffic management purposes within the area of the authority. Therefore, the revenue is effectively ring-fenced for traffic management measures and cannot be used by an authority for other purposes. Under existing arrangements after the 3.35% is retained by the Fixed Penalty Clerk, 6.65% goes to the Local Authority where the ticket was issued and the remaining 90% going to the Treasury.

**Section 25(1) – Information otherwise accessible**

Information in relation to the amount of money generated through paid fines resulting from speed camera detections is already available on the Strathclyde Camera Safety Partnership website at [http://strathclydecameras.com/about\\_finance.asp](http://strathclydecameras.com/about_finance.asp)

Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership is a joint-working initiative to help reduce the number of road crash casualties at recognised accident locations in the West of Scotland. The Partnership operates a combination of fixed, mobile and red light camera sites across the Strathclyde Police area plus the SPECS average speed camera system which was installed on the A77 in July 2005.

Prior to April 2007 the Partnership costs were recovered from fines paid and the surplus returned to the (then) Scottish Executive. Since April 2007, the Partnership has been funded by means of grant from the Scottish Government, payable through the Scottish Safety Programme, a personal injury crash/casualty reduction initiative sponsored by the Justice Department. The grant aid covers the budgeted costs incurred in operating the safety camera service.

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter. Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1217 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

Susan McGinlay  
Sergeant

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